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SUBJECT: NEW CHIEF MINISTER IN MADHYA PRADESH

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1. ON JANUARY 17 JANATA PARTY LEGISLATORS ELECTED MR. V. K.
SAKLECHA (47) AS CHIEF MINISTER OF MADHYA PRADESH IN PLACE OF
KAILASH JOSHI WHO OFFICIALLY RESIGNED AFTER THE NEW LEADER WAS
ELECTED. SAKLECHA WAS INDUSTRIES MINISTER IN THE OUT-GOING
GOVERNMENT AND IS A PROMINENT JANA SANGH LEADER IN MADHYA
PRADESH.

2. ACCORDING TO MADHYA PRADESH NEWSPAPERS, SAKLECHA'S NEAR-
UNANIMOUS ELECTION (A TRIBAL MLA STOOD AS A CANDIDATE AND GOT
SOME TOKEN VOTES) BECAME CERTAIN AFTER JANA SANGH LEADERS MET
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AT RAIPUR ON JANUARY 14 AND RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES IN THE
PRESENCE OF MR. NANAJI DESHMUKH, THE INFLUENTIAL JANA
SANGH LEADER AND GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE JANATA PARTY.
OTHER ASPIRANTS FOR CHIEF MINISTERSHIP MENTIONED IN REFTL
(SAHAY, GUPTA AND PATWA) WITHDREW IN FAVOR OF SAKLECHA
AFTER THE RAIPUR MEETING THUS ENSURING TOTAL JANA SANGH
SUPPORT FOR SAKLECHA. THE FACTION HAS AT LEAST 150 OUT OF

230 JANATA LEGISLATORS. SOCIALISTS WHO WERE OPPOSED TO SAKLECHA ALSO VOTED FOR HIM WHEN THEY FOUND THAT JANA SANGHIES HAD BECOME UNITED.

3. SAKLECHA, A STAUNCH RSS-ORIENTED LEADER, IS CONSIDERED TO BE A STRONG AND ABLE ADMINISTRATOR. BESIDES TOP JANA SANGH LEADERS, HE WAS ALSO PREFERRED BY PRIME MINISTER DESAI AND HOME MINISTER CHARAN SINGH OVER OTHERS. WITH HIS ELECTION, THE CABINET MAKING HAS BEGUN IN THE STATE. OUR INFORMATION INDICATED SAKLECHA IS LIKELY TO RETAIN SENIOR JANA SANGH MINISTERS FROM THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT BUT MAY CHOOSE MEN OF HIS LIKING AMONG SOCIALISTS FOR CABINET POSITION. A STRONG POSSIBILITY OF CHANGES IN THE JUNIOR MINISTERS IS INDICATED. COURTNEY UNQUOTE
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